

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 185

By Harper

A RESOLUTION to designate Monday, April 25, 2005 as "Red Hat Society Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, seven years ago on April 25, Ms. Sue Ellen Cooper and several of her friends in California decided to give each other red hats to wear as they turned fifty years old; and

WHEREAS, that unwitting decision launched a worldwide movement called the Red Hat Society, with 40,000 chapters and a total membership of about 1,000,000 women, including over 100 chapters in the Nashville area; and

WHEREAS, although individual chapters may choose to engage in volunteer work, the main reason for being a Red Hat Society member is the participation in social rather than charitable endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Red Hat Society don purple clothing and red hats to go to tea, or to lunch, or to engage in some other group endeavor which falls under the category of "having a good time"; and

WHEREAS, the president of each chapter is called the "Queen Mother" and the other members assume fanciful names, which, along with their distinctive garb, sends out the unmistakable message that they have lived long enough to enjoy themselves however they might wish; and

WHEREAS, the high spirits and social confidence displayed by members of the Red Hat Society merits our commendation and support; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that Monday, April 25, 2005 is hereby designated as "Red Hat Society Day" in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we applaud the irrepressible spirit of the members of the Red Hat Society and offer them our best wishes for much happiness in the future and great enjoyment through their shared approach to life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.